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Unemployment Insurance Initial Weekly Claims Rise

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of March 29 through April 4, a total of 7,916 initial weekly claims for unemployment benefits were filed with the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is an increase of 1,115 claims over the prior week's total of 6,801.

"The Department is now issuing the additional \$600 weekly extended unemployment benefit as a provision of the CARES Act," said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. "Claimants do not need to ask for this specifically but should still file a regular weekly request for payment. Remember, you cannot request this until the week is over on Saturday at midnight."

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NOTE: DLR will send out weekly news release updates on new unemployment claims every Thursday after the U.S. Department of Labor publishes the official release at 9:30 a.m. EDT. View at https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims arch.asp.